

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

W.P.No.3223 of 2006

DATED:21.02.2006

BETWEEN:

P. Bala Raju ..Petitioner

And

The Depot Manager, APSRTC, Tanuku, West Godavari District. and another
..Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner, who is working as a bus driver in the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, has filed this writ petition questioning the order of suspension, dated 06.12.2005.

A reading of the impugned order discloses that the petitioner has delayed the operation of the buses, which resulted in inconvenience to the passengers. With regard to the allegations levelled against the petitioner, it is for the disciplinary authority to enquire into the matter and pass appropriate orders. The only ground, on which this writ petition is filed, is that before passing the order of suspension, no opportunity was given to the petitioner. The said submission cannot be accepted, as the impugned order of suspension is not made as a measure of punishment. It is only an order of suspension pending enquiry. It is well settled that for passing an order of suspension pending enquiry, no opportunity need be given.

In that view of the matter, I do not find any ground to admit this writ petition. However, the respondents are directed to complete the enquiry and pass appropriate orders within a period of two months from today.

Subject to the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

21.02.2006

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